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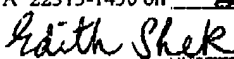
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006, with respect to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-41, drawn to a process of making olefins, classified in class 585, subclass 277, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdrawn the restriction requirement. The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) section 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. (emphasis added)

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Applicant respectfully submits that there will be no additional burden on the Examiner to search and examine all of the pending claims. The search required for Group II, claims 42-43, drawn to a product and Group III, claims 44-49, drawn to a system, will inherently overlap with the search required for Group I drawn to a process of making olefins. In the event that the Examiner elects to maintain the restriction, Applicants reserve the right to seek rejoinder of the Groups II and III claims pursuant to MPEP 821.04 if the claims of elected Group I are allowed.